

Across from the United States Federal Courthouse:  
414 W. FOURTH STREET, SUITE A  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

02-25-02  
LAW OFFICES OF  
**GOODMAN & CRAY, LLP**  
BUSINESS & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MATTERS



Re exam GP  
C-217/18  
JP 3-8  
22

TELEPHONE (714) 836-0200  
FACSIMILE (714) 836-0400  
WWW.GOODMANCRAY.COM

February 18, 2002  
Box: Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Via: Express Mail

**RECEIVED**  
MAR 05 2002  
Technology Center 2100

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is a Response to Office Action in the merged proceedings:

<b>Reissue Application No.:</b>	)	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> 2177
09/512,592	)	
<b>United States Patent No.:</b>	)	<b>Examiner:</b> Jean Homere
5,806,063	)	
<b>Issued:</b> September 8, 1998	)	<b>Attorney Docket No.:</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	)	1087-400-01
<u>Bruce M. Dickens</u>	)	
<b>Reexamination Proceeding:</b>	)	
90/005,592	)	
<b>Filed:</b> December 21, 1999	)	
<b>Reexamination Proceeding:</b>	)	
90/005,628	)	
<b>Filed:</b> February 2, 2000	)	
<b>Reexamination Proceeding:</b> )	)	
90/005,727	)	
<b>Filed:</b> May 16, 2000	)	

which consists of:

Response to Office Action of 42 pages, plus Appendix 1; Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73; Supplemental Reissue Declaration; Assignee Consent; Certificate of Mailing; Certificate of Service By Mail; Return Receipt Postcard.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

  
William C. Cray  
Registration No. 27627

WCC/mm w/encls  
cc: Dickens-Soeder2000 w/encls

09/512,592; 09/512,592



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR**

Docket Number (Optional)

1087-400-01

RECEIVED  
MAR 05 2002  
Technology Center 2100

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,806,063, granted September 8, 1998, and for which a

reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled DATE FORMATTING AND SORTING FOR DATES

SPANNING THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on December 21, 1999 as reissue application number 09 / 512,592  
and was amended on February 18, 2002

(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

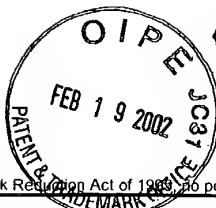
☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

Claim 1 recites "according to a format wherein M1M2 is the numerical month designator, D1D2 is the numerical data designator ..."

The invention is broader than this recitation and can include, e.g., a month and date designator other than as recited, e.g., in Julian format, so long as there is, e.g., a year designator such as Y1Y2.

[Page 1 of 2]



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

(REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR, page 2)

Docket Number (Optional)

1087-400-01

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Name(s)

Registration Number

William C. Cray

27,627

Correspondence Address: Direct all communications about the application to:



Customer Number

Type Customer Number here

Place Customer Number Bar  
Code Label here

☒ Firm or  
Individual Name

Goodman & Cray

Address

414 W. Fourth Street

Address

Suite A

City

Santa Ana

State

Ca

Zip

92701

Country

USA

Telephone

714-836-0200

Fax

714-836-0400

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Full name of sole or first inventor (given name, family name)

Bruce M. Dickens

Inventor's signature

Date February 14, 2002

Residence Irvine, CA 92606

Citizenship USA

Mailing Address 3892 Cedron

Full name of second joint inventor (given name, family name)

Inventor's signature

Date

Residence

Citizenship

Mailing Address

Full name of third joint inventor (given name, family name)

Inventor's signature

Date

Residence

Citizenship

Mailing Address

☐ Additional joint inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.

RECEIVED  
MAR 05 2002  
Technology Center 2100